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The purpose of this email is to show my support for Microsoft's decision to integrate a browser into their operating system. The following paragraph, taken from a technical piece, best describes my support.

"Since Internet Explorer 3.0, Microsoft has provided an open architecture, inviting application developers to integrate Web technology into their applications. Most see this simply as a way to integrate Web browsing into their application. Others see this as a way to implement sophisticated display features that were previously too difficult to implement, or perhaps to replace a less-flexible and hard-to-maintain homegrown system. And best of all, since Microsoft has positioned its Web browser technology as part of the operating system, this functionality comes without prohibitive licensing and royalty issues."

Taken from an article written by:
Dave Templin
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As a software developer, every time Microsoft adds a new feature into the operating system, that is another piece of code I don't have to develop myself or license from a third party. This benefits consumers because software vendors can utilize these features without further cost to the customer.

With that in mind I can only hope for a speedy settlement that is favorable towards Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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